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URGENT DEFENSE IMPROVEMENT," CLARE HOLLINGWORTH WRITES "MR. HAROLD BROWN...WARNED THE SOVIET UNION YESTERDAY THAT IF NO AGREEMENT WAS REACHED ON MUTUAL REDUCTION OF CONVENTIONAL FORCES IN CENTRAL EUROPE, REARMAMENT "WOULD NOT BE ONE-SIDED." REMAINDER OF ARTICLE REPEATS POINTS OF FINAL COMMUNIQUE.

10. MAY 19 'FIGARO,' WITH LARGE PHOTO OF SOVIET TROOPS RUN UNDER TOP PAGE ONE FOUR-COLUMN HEAD, "NATO: WARNING TO THE EAST," QUOTES SECDEF BROWN'S ENTIRE REMARK CONCLUDING PRESS CONFERENCE ABOUT CONSEQUENCES OF "THE ABSENCE OF AN ACCORD ON THE REDUCTION AND THE EQUALITY OF FORCES IN EUROPE."

11. MAY 20 'LA LIBRE BELGIQUE' UNDER PAGE-FOUR HEAD, "REINFORCEMENT OF THE WESTERN MILITARY EFFORT IN ORDER TO RESPOND TO SOVIET SUPERIORITY," BEGINS, "THE NATO DEFENSE MINISTERS...HAVE DECIDED TO ACCEPT THE AMERICAN PROPOSAL TO INCREASE BY 3 PERCENT IN REAL TERMS THE MILITARY BUDGETS OF ALL THE COUNTRIES OF THE ALLIANCE. MR. BROWN ...EMPHASIZED THAT THIS DECISION WAS A WARNING TO THE SOVIET UNION AGAINST A POLICY OF INTIMIDATION WHICH WOULD BE BASED ON ITS MILITARY SUPERIORITY." IT ADDS THAT

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SECDEF SAID THAT IT "IS AN INDICATION TO MOSCOW OF THE WESTERN WILL TO RESPOND TO ANY INSTANCE INVOLVING FORCE," ADDING THAT "EVEN THOUGH HE SAID HE PREFERRED TO REACH AN AGREEMENT WITH THE SOVIETS ON TROOP REDUCTION,

"THAT ACCORD DOESN'T EXIST."

12. UNDER HEAD "NATO STILL 'AMERICAN-BRITISH CLUB,'" NOTED GERMAN MILITARY-POLITICAL ANALYST ADELBERT WEINSTEIN IN MAY 20 FRANKFURTER ALLGEMEINE DISCUSSED AT LENGTH FRG MINISTER LEBER'S COMPLAINT ABOUT DISPROPORTIONATE NUMBER OF HIGH NATO POSTS HEAD BY THE U.S. AND GREEK BRITAIN. WEINSTEIN CONCLUDES THAT LEBER'S INITIATIVES WERE NOT RECEIVED BADLY BY THE ALLIANCE. IN FACT, BRITAIN IS LIKELY TO GO ALONG WITH THE CHANGES, SINCE THEY NEED MONEY TO BEEF UP THE BRITISH ARMY ON THE 13. IN SIDELIGHT TO ABOVE DPC COVERAGE, CLARE HOLLINGWORTH FOR DAILY TELEGRAPH AND MALCOLM RUTHERFORD FOR FINANCIAL TIMES DISCUSSED AIRBUS (SEE SEPTTEL) WHICH MAY CARRY AWACS. HOLLINGWORTH, IN "NIMROD SALES PLUG FAILS" ON MAY 19 SAYS "MINISTERS DISCUSSED THE POSSIBILITY OF EVEN FITTING THE ELECTRONIC GEAR INTO A FRANCO-GERMAN AIRBUS," (A DISCUSSION OF WHICH MISSION NOT AWARE TOOK PLACE). RUTHERFORD, IN LENGTHIER AND, AS WE SEE IT, HIGHLY SPECULATIVE ARTICLE MAY 19 ENTITLED "AIRBUS MAY CARRY NATO EARLY WARNING SYSTEM," EXPANDS HOLLINGWORTH CLAIM, CITING "AN APPARENT READINESS ON THE PART OF DR. BROWN NO LONGER TO INSIST ON THE SYSTEM BASED ON THE BOEING E 3A." RUTHERFORD CONTINUES POSSIBLE CARRIERS INCLUDE THE GRUMMAN E-2C AND THE FRANCO-GERMAN AIRBUS. FORMER HAS ADVANTAGE OF BEING CHEAP, WHILE ATTRIBUTES OF LATTER ARE MORE POLITICAL. FRENCH WOULD "ALMOST CERTAINLY" BE BROUGHT INTO PROJECT, AND GERMANS, WHO HAVE COMPLAINED THAT THEY WERE NOT BEING OFFERED ENOUGH IN THE WAY OF INDUSTRIAL COMPENSATION, WOULD BE "PLACATED." CHOICE OF AIRBUS WOULD ALSO "BE TAKEN AS A MAJOR U.S. VOTE OF CONFIDENCE IN EUROPEAN AEROSPACE AND A CONTRIBUTION TO UNCLASSIFIED UNCLASSIFIED

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